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BONUS FOR TEACHERS.

This is the season when school trustees everywhere are budgeting their brains with the hope that they will elucidate a solution of the best means of retaining the best teachers on the staffs. The problem is not an easy one to fathom owing to the many complex elements injected by varying local conditions. A great number of school boards have the mistaken idea that by offering teachers a bonus for attending summer school they are reaching a short cut to the enigma of how to make the earning capacity of teachers greater than what it is at present. Among the teachers there is a different point of view which does not accept kindly the summer school idea which deprives them of the greater part of their vacation and precludes the possibility of going anywhere to enjoy a complete rest from the fatiguing and irksome duties of the classroom. Assume that the teacher attending a session of any summer school receives a bonus of one month's pay it is evident that the attendance at these sessions not only involves the hardship of dispensing with a real vacation but also exacts payment of tuition fees, board bills and lodgings away from home which frequently exceeds the small bonus awarded by the school trustees. It seldom happens that the home of the teacher is in a university town and therefore the student teacher must incur an expense that makes serious inroads on her slender purse for the sake of establishing a higher rating than would be the case if she remained at home during the holiday period or went to some mountain or beach resort where with the families of friends she would not have to make any serious encroachments on her savings. As a matter of fact the summer school is a drawback to the success of the teacher who returns jaded, weary and disheartened to take up the humdrum existence of another ten months in school. Pupils return refreshed from their vacations while the teacher is worn to a frazzle with shattered nerves and diminished vitality. This policy is not calculated to give the best returns. A teacher's vacation should be spent in the cultivation of better health and in building up after the severe strain of the long study season, while the summer school is an excellent means of maintaining standards it is not desirable when it serves to make the teacher poorer and undermines health that should be a primary consideration in all public and private schools. Every teacher who works faithfully during the school term is entitled to a vacation and should not be condemned to serve six weeks more for the sake of gaining another month's meager salary, that is absorbed by the added costs of the summer school.

NEVADA'S SHALE DEPOSITS.

Nevada is approaching realization of the costly and exhaustive experiments which have been conducted both by the government and private interests in proving the potentialities of shale deposits which abound in Elko and Humboldt counties. The first result of these tests extending over a period of three years are emphasized by the announcement that the Elko county commissioners have signed a contract for a supply of distillate produced in Elko county which it is hoped will displace the "tops" or stove oil which has been imported in enormous quantities since the introduction of oil burning furnaces. This action demonstrates the conviction of the Elko county commissioners that they have in their midst one of the world's available substitutes for the petrol from other states. The company accepting the contract asserts its readiness to deliver distillate in any reasonable quantity and thus help to build up a new home industry which will also add a very tangible asset to the resources of Nevada. The plants erected near Elko are based on the principles of the Scottish shale retorts and government experts predict that when the new installations are complete they will successfully treat the Nevada shale. The oil produced from the shale contains virtually every component of ground petroleum, the main distinction being that shale oil contains an amount of unsaturated carbons which must be removed in refining. The oil recovered from shale can be most profitably converted into gasoline. Gasoline produced from shale has a much lower boiling point than that produced from underground petroleum. Recent tests have shown that one gallon of gasoline from petroleum oil produces approximately 126,000 heating units while a gallon of shale oil produces 134,000 units of heat. Government tests indicate that the lubricating oils produced from shales are of superior quality and from each barrel of shale oil about 25 pounds of fine paraffine can be obtained. It is further shown that a ton of shale will produce in the neighborhood of 20 pounds of sulphate of ammonia which will help out materially in adding to the productivity of worn out farm lands. No estimate has been made of the latent wealth of the Nevada shale beds but the government has devoted considerable attention to measuring up the deposits in adjacent states where the utilization of shale has been a live issue for many years before the subject was taken up in this state. However, some idea of the magnitude of the new industry may be gained from the fact that in Colorado alone it is estimated that there is an area of 2500 square miles of oil shale. Granting that these beds have a thickness of ten feet and allowing 18 cubic feet of shale to the ton, it appears that an acre of shale contains 24,300 tons and a square mile contains 15,480,000 tons. This would make the total deposits of shale in Colorado better than 38,000,000,000 tons. An authority on the subject calculates that with a 60 per cent recovery the shale available for mining and treatment will total 23,220,000,000 tons. Since preliminary tests indicate a recovery of a barrel of oil to each ton of shale there is a visible supply of over 23,000,000,000 barrels of oil to be recovered from Colorado shale alone. Enormous deposits of shale are found in Nye county but prospectors cannot take much encouragement from the rosy possibilities of shale reduction for, with the most scientific processes economically managed it is evident that the treatment of shale cannot be made profitable where oil sells at less than \$2.00 a barrel. The future of the industry depends on the rapidly increasing demand for oil that is now taking over 300,000,000 barrels per annum.

SOVIET WIVES SUPPORT HOUSE

(Correspondence Associated Press)
LONDON, March 22.—A Russian wife is required to support her husband if she be able to do so and he is unable to work and in need of her support, under the marriage laws of soviet Russia. A copy of this code, translated into English, has just reached London from the Russia People's Commissariat of Justice.

It provides that married persons shall be expected to support each other. Should one refuse and the other be what is classed as a "needful" until to work the latter has the right to apply to the department of social security to compel the husband or wife, as the case may be, to pay support.

Mutual consent of husband and wife or merely the desire of one of them to be freed from the other may be considered as grounds for divorce. Local judges are authorized to hear divorce cases but their decisions are subject to appeal.

The matrimonial law is fixed at 18 for men and 16 for girls. Both must be of sound mind and mutually desirous of marriage. Differences of religion or vows of celibacy are no impediment. Married persons may choose to bear the surname of the bride or of the bridegroom or their joint names. Marriages contracted in accordance with religious forms are not binding unless the union is registered under the prescribed form of civil, or soviet, marriages. Old forms of marriage law or as it is termed, "the legalized forgoing to either of men and women" are abolished.

Under the laws of succession in the soviet code, none but the "needful" and the state may inherit property. The estate of emigrants and of rebels are subject to confiscation by the state.

PANAMA ENJOYS TOURIST RUSH

(Correspondence of Associated Press)
PANAMA, March 21.—The Panama drink called "pipa" which is made of the milk of a young green coconut, enlivened with a generous dash of cherry, is finding much favor among people who come here from the states, since national prohibition took effect. Owing in part, perhaps to prohibition, the isthmus is experiencing the greatest rush of tourists in its history.

Foreign nations owe the United States \$9,647,000,000.

LAWS PROTECT HERDS OF SEALS

(Correspondence of Associated Press)
JUNEAU, Alaska, March 29.—Residents of Sitka say that the herds of seal migrating northward toward Bering sea this spring are greater than they have seen in years and that the migration is three weeks ahead of its usual time. Countless thousands of the seal have been passing Sitka. Government officials say the great size of the migratory herd is evidence that the government's protective measures have been effective.

There are 800 national banks in the United States.
Estimated strength of the army on March 15, 1920, was 239,223.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
The Board of County Commissioners of Nye County, Nevada, sitting as a Town Board for the Town of Tonopah, will at its regular meeting on the 7th day of April, 1920, at two p. m., consider the proposition of extending the boundary lines of the Township of Tonopah, and the Town of Tonopah, said proposed boundary lines to be as follows, to-wit:
"Commencing at the point of intersection of the Section line running between Sections One (1) and Twelve (12), Township 2 N. R. 42 E. M. D. B. & M., with the boundary line running between Nye County and Esmeralda County, State of Nevada; thence Easterly along said Section line to the Section corner common to Sections One (1) and Twelve (12), Township Two (2) North Range 42, East M. D. B. & M. and to Section Six (6) and Seven (7), Township 2 North Range 42 East M. D. B. & M. to the quarter Section corner to Section 25, Township 2 North Range 42 East M. D. B. & M.; thence Westerly on a direct line to the quarter corner between Sections 25 and 26 and continuing Westerly to the quarter Section corner between Sections 26 and 27 and continuing Westerly to the intersection of the line connecting the quarter section corner between said Sections 26 and 27 and the quarter Section corner between Sections 27 and 28, Township 2 North Range 42 East M. D. B. & M. with the boundary line between Nye County and Esmeralda County, State of Nevada; thence Southerly along said boundary line between said County of Nye and said Esmeralda County to the place of beginning."
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L. E. GLASS,
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Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 1st day of May, 1920, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, 1920, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.
By order of the Board of Directors.
THOMAS J. LYNCH,
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